

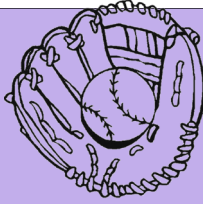
# Trinity Tidings

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## Shaping Up for Easter Taking a Spring Training Challenge...



Dear Friends,

Baseball season is back! Spring training has begun. The teams are all working hard to get ready for the new season. For me, amongst all the craziness of our lives, it's always reassuring to return to the rituals of baseball. Three strikes and you're out. Three outs and the inning is over. A fair ball over the fence is always a home run. It's something we can always count on. Play ball!!

The season of Lent is a lot like spring training. We enter into certain rituals that are to deepen out discipleship in Jesus and prepare for the season of Easter. It is a time when we exercise our spiritual muscles. The rituals of the 40 days of Lent are familiar and faith-building, self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting, self-denial, alms giving, and reading and meditating on scripture and religious writings. These rituals ground us in our faith and prepare us for Easter life.

It all starts with Sunday worship. I want to challenge you to be in attendance on the five Sundays of Lent. This is where our training begins. We have the Lenten scriptures, we sing the Lenten hymns, and we receive Christ himself in the

Eucharist. Will you do it? Take the challenge? And while you're at it, will you bring the whole family so this becomes not just a personal ritual, but a family ritual. It all begins with Sunday.

Beyond this commitment, there are various ways to observe Lent. You can read about many of them in this newsletter. This is the Church's time of spring training. So, grab the prayer book. Grab the hymnal. Grab the Bible. Sing out the sacred words and take the field. Lent is here and Easter is coming.

See you in church.

The Rev. Mark H. Chattin  
Rector

## Annual Meeting 2020 Our Elections in Review...

This year's annual Parish Meeting was held on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. The Rector, Wardens, Committee, and Financial Reports were received. Thanks were offered to Debbie Cruz who finished her term as Senior Warden; Jessica Greenfield, Paul Wolfgang, and Mike Woolford who finished their terms on the Vestry; and to Donna Ray for her outstanding work as our Parish Treasurer.

All reports and information can be found in the Annual Meeting Booklet available in the back of the church. Annual elections were held and we congratulate the following people:

**Junior Warden**  
*Jessica Greenfield*

**Vestry**  
*Theresa Chattin, Kate Seligman, Ralph Slim*

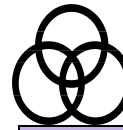
**Deputies & Alternates to Diocesan Convention**  
*Jessica Greenfield, Debbie Cruz, Paul Wolfgang, Lois Harwood, Donna Ray, Mike Woolford*

**Camden Convocation Delegates**  
*Steve Kreal, Megan Woods, Paul Wolfgang, Sharon Wolfgang, Jessica Greenfield, Lois Harwood*

## Spending Sundays with Mr. Rogers Sunday Morning Video Series for Lent...

During Sunday morning coffee hour on March 8, 15, 22, and 29, we will join in viewing "Mr. Rogers' Simple Faith" with Westina Matthews. Those who grew up in the 1960s through the 1990s are likely to remember the opening of the iconic TV show, "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood." With its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018 and the premier of "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" with Tom Hanks, Mr. Rogers centered dialogue has remained more relevant

than ever, while other children's shows have come and gone. In this course, contemplative spirituality director and author Westina Matthews discusses Mr. Rogers' lasting impact on the world. She offers details about Fred Rogers' life and personality, his work in the context of Christ's teachings, his show in the context of contemplative spirituality, and Mr. Rogers' authenticity. Include this course as part of your Lenten activities.



## Shrove Tuesday Pancakes Support our Acolytes and Have Dinner...

Don't miss our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. For only \$8 our acolytes will serve you all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee and dessert. And if that's not enough of a bargain, kids 5 to 12 are only \$5 and little ones 4 & under eat free!

Tickets will be available at the door. Bring the whole family and all your friends. Proceeds of the dinner benefit our Acolyte Fund.

## New Organist Hired! Welcoming Cindy Chattin...

We welcome Ms Cindy Chattin as our new permanent organist and choir director as of March 1. With the endorsement of the Organist Search Committee and the Vestry, what had been a temporary, interim arrangement is now permanent. Cindy has received rave reviews from the choir and congregation and has brought great energy to our music ministry. If you like to sing, now would be a great time to join the choir. Contact Cindy with any questions or suggestions. Welcome, Cindy! We are so glad to have you as our new Organist and Choir Director.

## Marking the Start of Lent Schedule of Services for Ash Wednesday...

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 26<sup>th</sup>. The service schedule is as follows:

**12:10 p.m.**

Holy Eucharist

**7:30 p.m.**

Choral Eucharist and Sermon

*Blessed ashes will be imposed at both services.*

Hot cross buns and light refreshments will be served following the evening service to break the fast of the day.

## Diocesan Convention Coming Soon to our Neighborhood...

On Saturday, March 7, the Diocese of New Jersey will gather for a one-day convention at the Crown Plaza Hotel on Route 70 in Cherry Hill. The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a festival celebration of the Holy Eucharist and address by Bishop Stokes. Following lunch, the business session of convention will proceed with elections, budget presentations, resolutions and other business. The Episcopal marketplace will be open, featuring many vendors and items for sale. Visitors are welcome to stop in from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.—Come on by!

## Upcoming Lenten and Easter Dates Come and Journey

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| <b>Feb 25</b>                             | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30—7:00 p.m. (See article at left)   |
| <b>Feb 26</b>                             | Ash Wednesday (See service schedule at left)   |
| <b>March 4, 11, 18, 25, &amp; April 1</b> | Jesus <i>The God Who Knows Your Name</i> , 12 noon and 6:30 p.m. at a different local Episcopal Church each week. (See enclosed brochure)            |
| <b>March 7</b>                            | Diocesan Convention at the Crown Plaza (see article at left)   |
| <b>March 8, 15, 22 &amp; 29</b>           | Mr. Rogers' Simple Faith <i>Coffee Hour Video Series</i> (see article page 1)  |
| <b>March 14</b>                           | St Patrick's Day Dinner and Irish Songs Sing-along 6:30—9:00 p.m.  |
| <b>April 5</b>                            | Palm Sunday Procession, Dramatic Reading of the Passion Gospel and Family Mass 9:15 a.m.<br><br>Palm Sunday Quiche Brunch following the 9:15 Service |
| <b>April 9</b>                            | Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 p.m. Followed by all night vigil  |
| <b>April 10</b>                           | Good Friday Service—12 Noon  |
| <b>April 11</b>                           | Great Vigil of Easter—8:00 p.m.  |
| <b>April 12</b>                           | Easter Sunday Service at 9:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt to follow.  |

## holytrinity.us Check out our Updated Website...

If you're surfing around on the internet some evening, don't forget to stop by holytrinity.us and take a look at our updated website. Thanks to the efforts of Alan Heavens, our website has a fresh new look, works well on both PC and cell phone screens, and features up-to-date information and photos.

Our website is a great way for visitors and folks searching for a new church home to find us. Be sure to tell your friends about it. Pull it up on your phone and show them our latest photos. Let's get the word out there!!!

## St. Patrick's Day Party The Popular Annual Event is Coming...

*Have ye got a bit o' the Irish in ye? Do you look good in green? Do you occasionally eat dinner on Saturday nights? If you answered yes to any of these questions, have we got a party for you!*

Don't miss our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Sing-along, which will be held on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Our traditional dinner of corned beef, ham, and

cabbage will be followed by our Irish-songs sing-along with our very own Steve Kwiatkowski at the piano.



The cost of the dinner is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-11 (children 5 and under are free). Appetizers, salads, and desserts are needed to round out our menu. See the signup sheets in the back of the church or call the church office to make your reservation 856-858-0491.

